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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended): A stent for in vivo placement, said stent comprising being formed in a substantially tubular shape and expandable in the outward radial direction of the substantially tubular shape, containing a material nondegradable in vivo, and a poly (lactide-co-glycolide) on at least a portion of the surface thereof, wherein the weight of the poly (lactide-co-glycolide) being on the stent is 3 μg/mm to 80 μg/mm per unit length in the axial direction of the stent.
- (Original): The stent according to claim 1, wherein the poly (lactide-coglycolide) is on either the outer surface or the inner surface of the stent.
- (Original): The stent according to claim 1, wherein the poly (lactide-coglycolide) is over substantially the entire surface including the outer surface, the inner surface, and the side surfaces of the stent.
- (Previously presented): The stent according to claim 1, wherein the weightaverage molecular weight of the poly (lactide-co-glycolide) is 5,000 to 130,000.
- (Previously presented): The stent according to claim 1, wherein the molar ratios of lactic acid and glycolic acid which constitute the poly (lactide-co-glycolide) are

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50 mol% to 85 mol% and 15 mol% to 50 mol%, respectively.

6. (Canceled):

- (Original): The stent according to claim 6, wherein the weight of the poly (lactide-co-glycolide) being on the stent is 7 μg/mm to 65 μg/mm per unit length in the axial direction of the stent.
- 8. (Currently Amended): A stent for in vivo placement comprising being formed in a substantially tubular shape and expandable in the outward radial direction of the substantially tubular shape, containing a material nondegradable in vivo, and a poly (lactide-co-glycolide) and an immunosuppressive agent on at least a portion of the surface thereof, wherein the total weight of the poly (lactide-co-glycolide) and the immunosuppressive agent being on the stent is 7 μg/mm to 65 μg/mm per unit length in the axial direction of the stent.
- (Original): The stent according to claim 8, wherein the poly (lactide-coglycolide) and the immunosuppressive agent are on either the outer surface or the inner surface of the stent.
- 10. (Original): The stent according to claim 8, wherein the stent has the poly (lactide-co-glycolide) and the immunosuppressive agent are over substantially the entire surface including the outer surface, the inner surface, and the side surfaces of the stent.

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ent according to claim 8, wherein the weight-

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 (Previously presented): The stent according to claim 8, wherein the weightaverage molecular weight of the poly (lactide-co-glycolide) is 5,000 to 130,000.

12. (Previously presented): The stent according to claim 8, wherein the molar ratios of lactic acid and glycolic acid which constitute the poly (lactide-co-glycolide) are

50 mol% to 85 mol% and 15 mol% to 50 mol%, respectively.

 (Previously presented): The stent according to claim 8, wherein the immunosuppressive agent is tacrolimus (FK-506), cyclosporine, sirolimus (rapamycin).

azathioprine, mycophenolate mofetil, or an analogue thereof.

14. (Original): The stent according to claim 13, wherein the immunosuppressive

agent is tacrolimus (FK-506).

15. (Previously presented) The stent according to claim 8, wherein the total

weight of the poly (lactide-co-glycolide) and the immunosuppressive agent contained in

the stent is 3 $\mu\text{g/mm}$ to 80 $\mu\text{g/mm}$ per unit length in the axial direction of the stent.

16. (Canceled):

17. (Previously presented): The stent according to claim 8, wherein the weight

ratios of the poly (lactide-co-glycolide) and the immunosuppressive agent are 30% by

weight to 80% by weight and 20% by weight to 70% by weight, respectively.

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18. (Original): The stent according to claim 17, wherein the weight ratios of the poly (lactide-co-glycolide) and the immunosuppressive agent are 40% by weight to 70% by weight and 30% by weight to 60% by weight, respectively.

19. (Previously presented): The stent according to claim 8, comprising an inner layer provided on a the surface of the stent, said inner layer containing the poly (lactide-co-glycolide) and the immunosuppressive agent, and an outer layer provided on the outer surface of the inner layer, said outer layer containing only the poly (lactide-co-glycolide).